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1. Between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 4 May 1954, the following aircraft were observed at Wiener Neustadt (O 48/33 TU: WN 9296) airfield: 46 MiG-15s including those in the depression near the pyrotechnic plant, 2 Il-28s near the flight control station, 1 biplane, and 1 high-wing monoplane. One Li-2 was parked in front of the closed hangar at Theresienfeld airfield. There was a 5/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,500 meters, intermittent sunshine, and very good visibility. After 10:50 a.m., there was a 9/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters and still very good visibility. Between 12:10 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., there was rain, while visibility was good. The MiG-15s parked west of the southern end of the take-off strip individually took off from south to north. The engines of the MiG-15s were started at the dispersal area. At first a dull sound of the engines was heard; the sound rose with the increasing number of revolutions and, after about 20 seconds, the sound was overwhelmed by a bright singing tone. About 40 seconds after starting the engine, the aircraft taxied to the take-off point. The bright tone was no longer heard when the engine roared up directly before the take-off. There were large clouds of dust on the take-off strip when the aircraft took off. About one third of the MiG-15s involved in air activity had no auxiliary fuel tanks. The following take-offs and landings were observed:

| <u>Take-Off</u> | <u>Landing</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 08:43 a.m.      | 09:04 a.m.     |
| 08:45 a.m.      | 09:06 a.m.     |
| 08:47 a.m.      | 09:10 a.m.     |
| 08:50 a.m.      | 09:16 a.m.     |
| 09:17 a.m.      | 09:41 a.m.     |
| 09:19 a.m.      | 09:42 a.m.     |
| 09:24 a.m.      | 09:49 a.m.     |
| 09:26 a.m.      | 09:51 a.m.     |
| 09:31 a.m.      | 10:01 a.m.     |

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Air activity was discontinued at 10:01 a.m. MiG-15 [REDACTED] towed a sleeve target while taking off and released the sleeve target over the field center 25X1

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before landing. No attacks were made on the sleeve target. MIG-15s [redacted] crossed over the field from the south, then dived, once circled widely from west to south, and subsequently landed at the field. When air activity was discontinued, the 11 MIG-15s parked west of Badener Strasse were towed by trucks to the dispersal area west of the south end of the take-off strip.<sup>1</sup>

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2. During air activity, there was intensive vehicular traffic from the dispersal area of the aircraft along a wood-path to Wiener-Neustadt - Bad Fischau road, along this road to the east as far as a small by-road branching off toward the north and along this by-road, which is referred to as "Schiessstattweg" and leads to a fuel dump near a brick building. Tank trucks were observed moving to the fuel dump which consisted of 11 containers, each about 3 meters long and 2 meters in diameter. The containers scarcely contrasted with their surrounding.<sup>2</sup> Vehicular traffic observed on Schiessstattweg involved tank trucks [redacted] trucks [redacted] fire truck [redacted] all with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, and sedan [redacted] driven by a colonel wearing blue-bordered blue epaulets. Driving-school truck [redacted] with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was observed on Bad Fischau - Wiener Neustadt road. A total of 12 motor vehicles and tractors, and Moskovich van-like truck [redacted] with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were observed in front of the eastern garages. The small cone-shaped antenna with disc which was located on the roof of the southernmost building of the flight-control station was provided with an antenna mast which was about 1 meter higher than the mast previously observed there.
3. At Wiener Neustadt military post, weapon carrier [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were observed at the Artillerie Kaserne and radio truck [redacted] with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets in front of the Nachrichten Kaserne.
4. Between 7:50 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. on 7 May, 44 MIG-15s, 1 Yak-11, 2 IL-28s, 2 biplanes, and 1 high-wing monoplane were observed at the airfield. The depression near the pyrotechnic plant could not be seen. The two IL-28s have been parked in front of the flight-control station since 30 April 1954. One IL-28 was parked parallel to the flight-control station and pointed with its nose to the southwest, while the other IL-28 was parked at a right angle to the flight-control station. There was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 800 meters, westerly wind of about 30 km/h, good visibility, a rain shower between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and light rain up to 10 a.m. and from 2:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. No air activity was observed nor was activity observed on the airfield including the dispersal areas. During the afternoon, individual motor vehicles moved across the field. A Li-2 was parked in front of the hangar at Theresienfeld airfield. Its engine ran at high speed for about 20 minutes. When the engine was stopped, 4 men descended from the aircraft and entered the hangar.
5. Vehicular traffic near the flight-control stations and the eastern garages involved [redacted] motor vehicles, all with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets:

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The eastern and southern AA-gun emplacements were not occupied.

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6. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 5 May, the following aircraft were observed at the field: 50 MiG-15s, 2 Yak-11s, 2 Il-28s, and 1 biplane. All of the MiG-15s observed definitely had a step between the air exhaust and the trailing edge of the rudder assembly. There was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,800 meters, northwesterly wind of 40 to 45 km/h, and good visibility. Air activity was going on at 8 a.m. However, the first observations could be made not before 11 a.m., as practices were under way at the southern edge of the field by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The following air activity was conducted by aircraft all of which took off from south to north.

| <u>Take-Off</u> | <u>Air Activity</u>  | <u>Landing</u>      |
|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 11 a.m.         | 1 MiG-15 circled twice over the field, then made a wide circle and landed with extended split-trail gun carriage and brakes  | 11:24 a.m.          |
| 11:25 a.m.      | MiG-15 towing a sleeve target departed to the west, again crossed over the field at 12:01 p.m., dropped the sleeve target, circled over once and then landed   | 12:04 p.m.          |
| 11:27 a.m.      | 2 MiG-15s flying at an interval of 1 wing-span and a distance of 1 aircraft length headed south  | not observed        |
| 11:32 a.m.      | 4 MiG-15s flying at intervals of 1 wing-span and distances of 1 aircraft length; approximately above Felddorf (33 TU:WF 9304) the formation dispersed and the aircraft crossed over the field flying at a distance of about 300 meters; they dived over the field from an altitude of about 800 meters at an angle of 25 degrees, pulled out of dive at 500 meters, zoomed, and repeated the dive several times before landing | 11:50 to 11:51 a.m. |
| 11:39 a.m.      | 1 MiG-15 departed toward the south   | not observed        |
| 11:56 a.m.      | 2 MiG-15s, at an interval of 1 wing-span and a distance of about 1 aircraft length circled over the town area; they landed at short intervals.   | 12:04 p.m.          |

Air activity was discontinued at 12:04 p.m.

7. Vehicular traffic observed on the road to the field and near the flight control station involved trucks and weapon carrier and tank truck drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. A heavy radio truck without marking was apparently emplaced about 50 meters north of the PKV-45 DF station which was northwest of Theresienfeld. Eight men were working on the roof of the vehicle and around it. Unidentified superstructures were seen on the roof.

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8. Radio truck [ ] and truck [ ] loaded with signal equipment, were observed near the Artillery Kaserne in Wiener Neustadt military post. Nine officers from lieutenant to captain, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia and 50 EM also wearing red-bordered black epaulets and most of them with artillery insignia, marched to the southern AA-gun emplacements where about one company of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was already practicing. The following motor vehicles and artillery pieces were parked in the camp area: 13 x 37-mm AA guns, 3 four-barreled AA guns, 2 two-wheel generators, 1 van-like truck, and 32 trucks. [ ]

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1. Comment. It is believed that Wiener Neustadt airfield is still occupied by two Soviet fighter regiments of the Fifty-Ninth Air Army. The two Il-28s probably belong to the bomber units of the Fifty-Ninth Air Army stationed in Hungary. [ ]

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2. Comment. For location of fuel dump, wood-path and way, referred to as "Schiesstattweg", see annex.

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Annex

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Wiener Neustadt Airfield

